

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 2nd February 2014

IRTS 82nd AGM Dinner & Rally March 22nd, 23rd 2014

Tickets for the IRTS AGM dinner are selling fast and are available on a first come first served basis. Please get your tickets as soon as possible.

The venue this year is the sumptuous surroundings of the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, on Saturday March 22nd. You may purchase your tickets for €35 from Steve EI5DD on 087 2451218 or QTHR. You may also get your tickets from John EI1EM at QTHR. This promises to be a very special AGM dinner.

The usual radio rally takes place on Sunday March 23rd and all of the major traders and more will attend. There will be a bring and buy stand which will be manned for those wishing to sell second hand gear.

Accommodation is available from The Galway Bay Hotel at a special rate when you mention the IRTS AGM. You may contact the hotel on 091 520520. The Rockbarton Park Hotel also offers special rates, 49Euro for a single room and 35Euro per person sharing. The Rockbarton can be contacted on 091 522286. You must mention IRTS when booking your room. For complete details please refer to www.irts.ie/cgi/agm.cgi.

Time to Return IRTS Trophies and Cups

All recipients of awards and cups given out at last years IRTS AGM in Athlone are requested to return their Trophies / Cups in good time to allow for engraving for the forthcoming IRTS AGM 2014.

Trophies/Cups maybe returned to the IRTS stand at the forthcoming Coolmine Rally on Sunday February 16th or to any IRTS Committee member before 28th February 2014.

Nominations for IRTS Awards 2014

You are invited to nominate a person to receive an award for "Service to the IRTS or Amateur Radio." The nominations in this category are open to persons who are an

IRTS member and or non-member. All nominations are welcome.

Under the category “Awards for other Achievement”, you may nominate IRTS members only. Awards in this category include the 4Metre and 6metre Shields; the SWL award and the awards for Quality Construction Projects.

When you are considering a person for nomination to receive an award please refer to previous winners and this maybe viewed on www.irts.ie/cgi/awards.cgi

Nominations may be from clubs or individuals and must be submitted by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to Jim Holohan, EI4HH, Chairman Awards Committee, QTHR, or email awards /at/ irts.ie.

Closing date for nominations is February 28th 2014.

Limerick Radio Club Rally 2014

The Limerick Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday 9th March at the Radisson Hotel, Limerick. Doors open at 11.00 and entry is €5. All the major traders in EI will be in attendance and bring & buy tables are included in the €5 entry fee. For further details please contact Simon Kenny EI7ALB on 087 2858884.

DX News

Four Italian operators will be active as S9TF from Principe Island until 12 February. They are QRV on all bands 80 – 10m on CW, SSB and RTTY. The IOTA reference for Principe is AF-044. QSLs go via IK5CRH.

In addition to the 5H1Z expedition to various islands off the coast of Tanzania mentioned in last week's News a separate expedition by a group of Italian and Swiss operators will be active from Zanzibar Island from 2 – 13 February. Their callsign is 5I0DX and they can be found on all bands 80 – 10m. The QSL Manager is IS0AGY.

The F6KOP Team start their expedition to Reunion Island of 5 February. Included in the team are Jeremy EI5GM and Dave EI9FBB so hopefully that will enable plenty of EI stations to get into the TO7CC log. The expedition runs until 17 February.

Bill N6MW will be QRV from Majuro Island in the Marshall Islands from 4 – 14 February. He will be using the callsign V73MW. QSL Manager is M0URX.

Steve, M1ACB will be travelling to the northern tip of the Isle of Lewis (IOTA EU-

010) April 26-May 3 with the Camb-Hams group, from Cambridge. The group will be active on a large number of bands/modes during the week.

Jack WA2CHV, is interested in contacting EI stations who may be interested in setting up a QRP CW QSO, using a straight key, with him any day on 15M around 1200UTC. If you are interested please contact Jack via email at j.kel/ at/frontiernet/ dot/net

Phoenix Amateur Radio Annual Rally

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual Coolmine Radio Rally in Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, on Sunday February 16th 2014. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5.00. For table bookings please contact Tony on 087 2439997.

Limerick Radio Club Special Event Callsign EI4LCC

Limerick City is honoured and delighted to be Ireland's first National City of Culture 2014. To celebrate the event, members of Limerick Radio Club will air EI4LCC, Limerick City of Culture 2014, during 2014 from their own QTH & from various locations within Limerick. All details are on qrz.com

80 Years of Brazilian Amateur Radio League

The Brazilian Amateur Radio League, (LABRE), founded on February 2nd 1934, will celebrate 80 years of existence and throughout the month of February 2014 special callsigns commencing in ZZ80 will be in use. QSL is via the Buro.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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